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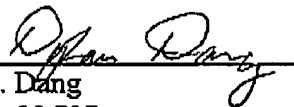
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114, this response accompanies a request for continued examination of the above-referenced application. A Final Office Action was issued on December 27, 2005. Applicant filed a response within two months of the final rejection on January 20, 2006, and received an Advisory Action on February 3, 2006. The Advisory Action indicated that the proposed amendments filed after the final rejection would not be entered because, *inter alia*, the amendments to claims 7 and 8 raised new issues that

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would require further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests continued examination base on the claim amendments and arguments set forth below. The following submission presents amendments under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and arguments in support of patentability that meets the reply requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.111.